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Cc: 'Ana Baptista'[abaptista@ironboundcc.org]
From: Debbie Mans
Sent: Tue 7/2/2013 3:14:04 PM
Subject: RE: \$3 Million for Passaic River Basin Clean-Up

Alice, Thanks for the information. Much appreciated, Debbie

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From: Yeh, Alice [mailto:Yeh.Alice@epa.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, July 02, 2013 9:00 AM
To: debbie@nynjbaykeeper.org
Cc: Ana Baptista
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Just wanted to pass on what Janine MacGregor sent me last week, after consulting with the NJDEP legislative coordinator:

The bill is really focused on de-snagging. It is attached.

The project involves setting that money aside and making it available to all towns in the Passaic River Basin that may want to do some clearing of trees and other debris in the waterway in an effort to alleviate flooding. There will be an application process. While all towns in the Basin are eligible, it was focused on those above the Dundee Dam. Still, a town like Lyndhurst could apply. I asked the legislative contact if contamination issues would be considered in the application process and he said yes. And certainly if dredging is proposed, they would have to get a 404 permit/Water Quality Cert from the Corps/DEP, so contamination issues would be addressed that way.

From: Yeh, Alice
Sent: Wednesday, June 26, 2013 10:33 AM
To: 'Debbie Mans'; Butler, Elizabeth
Cc: Douglas Sarno; Ana Baptista
Subject: RE: \$3 Million for Passaic River Basin Clean-Up

Not sure yet – we would need to get more details on what kind of work they want to do. Some of it sounds like debris removal more than dredging, but it can be hard to get details from press releases. Will keep the CAG informed if we hear more.

From: Debbie Mans [<mailto:debbie@nynjbaykeeper.org>]
Sent: Wednesday, June 26, 2013 10:23 AM
To: Yeh, Alice; Butler, Elizabeth
Cc: Douglas Sarno; Ana Baptista
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Would any dredging be allowed in lower Passaic or tribs?

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From: Douglas Sarno [<mailto:doug@forumfg.com>]

Sent: Wednesday, June 26, 2013 9:01 AM

To: Rob Law; Alice Yeh; David Kluesner; Jonathon Jaffe; Ana Baptista; Paul Bluestein; Jeff Weiss; Ben Delisle; Kirk Barrett; Paul Brzozowski; Harvey Morginstin; Lenny Thomas; Meghan Grant; David Yennior; Robin Dougherty; Peter M Wepler; Liz Butler; Stephanie Greenwood; Timothy Bal; Robert Thomas; Zach McCue; Arnold Cohen; Jennifer Samson; Chelsea Albucher; Stephanie Vaughn; Cynthia Mellon; Yarrow; Anne Kruger; Thomas Pietrykoski; Mike Reinhart; Lisa Baron; Joe Nardone; Tim Kubiak; Massiel Ferrara; James Mack; Ray Germann; Mehran Reyhan; Jon Holt; Ray Basso; Janine MacGregor; Ella Filippone; Debbie Mans; Molly Greenberg; Maribel Jusino-Iturralde; Nancy Zak

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FYI

From: barbara conover <bconifer022@gmail.com>

Date: June 25, 2013 5:11:58 PM EDT

To: David Yennior <dyennior@msn.com>, Jeff Weiss <bonefish5000@gmail.com>, Bill Chappel <chappel.bill@gmail.com>

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I must have sent Asm Rumana an email... because today I got this!

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From: **Rumana, Asm. D.O.** <AsmRumana@njleg.org>
Date: Tue, Jun 25, 2013 at 12:41 PM
Subject: \$3 Million for Passaic River Basin Clean-Up
To: bconifer022@gmail.com

Please see yesterday's good news. Assemblyman Rumana's bill allocating

\$3 million for Passaic River Basin Clean-Up Passed the Legislature. As always, if you would like to be removed from our email list, please respond to this email and place "unsubscribe" in the message. Thank you.

Russo-Rumana Bill Re-Appropriating \$3 Million
to Clean Passaic River Basin Waters Approved by Assembly
Now Awaits Governor's Approval

Legislation (A-2675) sponsored by Assembly Republicans Scott Rumana and Dave Russo, both R-Passaic, Bergen, Essex and Morris, that re-appropriates \$3 million to dredge waterways of municipalities in the Passaic River Basin was approved by the Assembly today. The funds never used from the 2003 bond act were made available due to project deferrals or cancellations from the previously funded Lower Saddle River project.

"Towns along the Passaic River Basin that have chronic flooding issues because of clogged waterways now have the opportunity to address a major factor that causes rivers and streams to overflow," said Russo. "The funds will help pay for cleanup efforts to remove debris from sections of streams and rivers that are habitual areas where flooding occurs, impacting homeowners for many years. This is a great opportunity to alleviate an ongoing problem that property owners have asked to be addressed for quite some time."

"These funds will be used to clean away trees, branches and other refuse that snag in waterways and are major factors in why some rivers and streams along the

Passaic River Basin become clogged and overflow,” said Rumana. “De-snagging the identified sections of these rivers will help keep the water flowing properly by reducing the buildup of refuse and garbage in areas where bottlenecks occur. The other key factor in this project will be dredging the shallow sections of rivers that are susceptible to torrential rains. These shallow areas cannot handle the power generated by the force of the water flow and can be a source of flooding. Dredging and de-snagging key sections of rivers and streams along the Passaic River Basin are excellent preventative measures that will save taxpayers and alleviate some of the anxiety homeowners currently deal with.”

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